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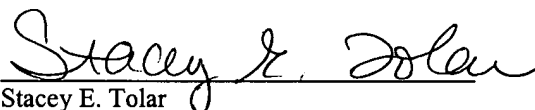
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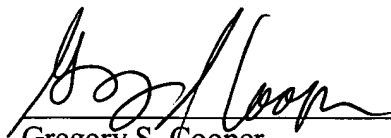
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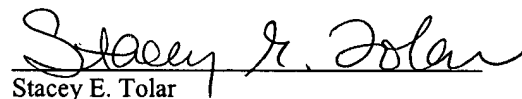
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<u>10/287,250</u>	<u>Process, Composition and Coating of Laminate Material</u>	<u>November 4, 2002</u>
<u>10/366,973</u>	<u>Process, Composition and Coating of Laminate Material</u>	<u>February 14, 2003</u>

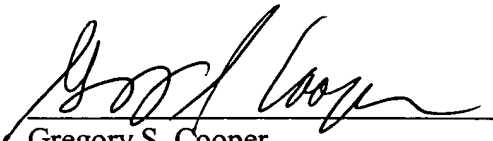
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